

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

In accordance with the foregoing, no claims have been amended. Claims 1-6 are pending and under consideration.

No new matter is being presented and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-6 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER KUROSAWA ET AL. (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,047,288) IN VIEW OF FISHER ET AL. (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,212,511)

The rejections of claims 1-6 are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner notes that Kurosawa et al. does not disclose designating one of the databases which an application program uses; and providing the request to the application program according to the user ID and password included in a packet of the request, as recited in independent claims 1 and 6. However, the Examiner states that Fisher et al. (hereinafter "Fisher") discloses this feature, citing column 16, lines 22-32, column 5, lines 18-47, column 6, lines 34-43, and Fig. 9.

On page 4 of the Action, the Examiner states that Fisher discloses a management information server (MIS) that distributes each access request to an appropriate server in accordance with the portion of a management object tree referenced by the request. The Examiner also states that an access request is a data structure or object containing user information such as a user ID/name and/or password.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of Fisher. Fisher discloses a method for limiting access to management objects and sending event notifications to authorized users of the network management objects. (Column 1, lines 6-10). The database management system (DBMS) includes an access privileges module which configures access rights to each of the tables in the DBMS. That is, privileges tables store access rights information indicating which users have access to the tables. (Column 16, lines 22-32).

However, "user information", as defined by Fisher, is merely information "identifying the request initiator..." (column 5, line 21). Fisher does not teach or suggest providing means for providing, when a request is sent, the request to the application program *according to the user ID and password* included in a packet of the request. Fisher makes not mention of a password being included within the user information.

Furthermore, Fisher discloses that each access request has a target field which specifies the object or objects the initiator wants to access, and the target is specified by the following three fields: base object of a management object tree, scope, and filter (column 5, lines 47-67). This indicates that the MIS distributes access requests to the target object(s) that the initiator has specified.

In contrast, as recited in independent claims 1 and 6, the request to the application program is provided *according to the user ID and password included in a packet of the request*.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 6 patentably distinguish over the cited references.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and inherit its patentable recitations. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5 also patentably distinguish over the references.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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